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22	HON ROBERT D. DRAIN
23	U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE
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25	ECRO: A. VARGAS

Page 2 1 Notice of Agenda of Matters Scheduled for Hearing on October 2 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. 3 Notice of Assumption and Assignment of Additional 4 5 Designatable Leases (ECF 3298) 6 7 Second Interim Fee Application of Deloitte & Touche LLP for 8 Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of 9 Expenses Incurred as Independent Auditor and Advisor from 10 March 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, fee \$91,365.50, 11 expenses: \$0.00 (ECF 4826) 12 13 Joinder by Pearl Global Industries Ltd (ECF 4990) 14 15 Joinder Omnibus Objection of Cherokee Debt Acquisition, LLC, 16 Hain Capital Investors Master Fund Ltd., Whitebox Asymmetric 17 Partners LP, Whitebox Multi-Strategy Partners, L.P. (ECF 18 5012) 19 20 A.O. Smith Corporation's Joinder to Priority Claimant 21 Consortium Joinder, Omnibus Objection to Fee Applications 22 (ECF 5044) 23 Limited Objection of Mien Co. Ltd. (ECF 5159) 24 25

Page 3 1 Second Interim Fee Application of Deloitte Transactions and 2 Business Analytics LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as 3 Bankruptcy Advisor from March 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 4 5 fee: \$2,177,270.75, expenses: \$100,390.95 (ECF 4827) 6 7 Second Application of Alvarez and Marsal North America, LLC 8 as Financial Advisors for the Debtors, for Interim Allowance 9 of Compensation of Professional Services Rendered and 10 Reimbursement of Actual and Necessary Expenses Incurred from 11 March 1,2019 through June 30, 2019 (ECF 4828) 12 13 Second Interim Fee Application of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, Attorneys for the Debtors and 14 15 Debtors In Possession, for the period from March 1, 2019 16 through and including June 30, 2019 (ECF 4834) 17 Second Interim Fee Application of Staut Risius Ross, LLC, 18 19 Real Estate Consultant and Advisor for the Debtors for the 20 period from March 1, 2019 through and including June 30, 21 2019 (ECF 4835) 22 23 24 25

Page 4 1 Second Interim Fee Application of Evercore Group, L.L.C. for 2 Allowance of an Administrative Claim for Compensation of 3 Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Investment Banker to the debtors for the period from March 4 5 15, 2019 through and including July 14, 2019 (ECF 4837) 6 7 Second Interim Fee Application of Prime Clerk LLC, as 8 Administrative Agent to the Debtors for Services Rendered 9 and Reimbursement of Expenses for the period from March 1, 10 2019 through and including June 30, 2019 (ECF 4840) 11 12 Second Interim Fee Application of FTI Consulting, Inc., Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured 13 14 Creditors of Sears Holdings Corporation, et al. for Interim 15 Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for 16 the period from March 1, 2019 through and including June 30, 17 2019 (ECF 4841) 18 Second Interim Fee Application of Houlihan Lokey Capital, 19 20 Inc. Investment Banker to the Official Committee of 21 Unsecured Creditors, for Interim Allowance of Compensation 22 and Reimbursement of Expenses for the period from March 1, 2019 through and including June 30, 2019 (ECF 4842) 23 24 25

Page 5 1 First Joint Application of Paul E. Harner, as Fee Examiner and Ballard Spahr LLP. as Counsel to the Fee Examiner for 2 Interim Allowance of Compensation for Professional Services 3 Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses from April 22, 2019 4 through June 30, 2019 (ECF 4844) 5 6 7 Second Interim Fee Application of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured 8 9 Creditors for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of 10 Expenses for the period from March 1, 2019 through and 11 including June 30, 2019 (ECF 4846) 12 13 Second Interim Fee Application of Deloitte Tax LLP for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the period 14 15 from March 1, 2019 through and including June 30, 2019 (ECF 16 4848) 17 Second Application of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, as 18 Attorneys for the Debtors, for Interim Allowance of 19 20 Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the period 21 from March 1, 2019 through and including June 30, 2019 (ECF 22 4860) 23 24 25

Page 6 1 Second Interim Fee Application of Young, Conaway, Stargatt & 2 Taylor, LLP, as Conflicts Counsel for the Debtors for the period from March 1, 2019 through and including June 30, 3 4 2019 (ECF 4862) 5 6 First Application for Interim Professional Compensation for 7 Elise S. Frejka, Ombudsman Consumer, period: 12/3/2018 to 8 7/31/2019, fee: \$108,386.25, expenses: \$663.26 (ECF 4910) 9 10 Motion of Brian Coke Ng for Relief from the Automatic Stay 11 (ECF 5230) 12 13 Debtors' Objection (ECF 5388) 14 15 Movant's Reply Brief/Affidavit in Support of Motion (ECF 16 5469) 17 18 Adversary proceeding: 19-08269-rdd Ng v Sears Holding Corporation et al PDX, Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss Adversary 19 20 Complaint (ECF 5) 21 22 Debtors' Motion to Dismiss Adversary Complaint (ECF 7) 23 24 Declaration of Jessie B. Nishkin in Support of Debtors' 25 Motion to Dismiss Adversary Complaint (ECF 8)

Page 7 1 Oleg Bitman Notice of Debtors' Motion to Dismiss Adversary 2 Complaint and Declaration of Jessie B. Ishkin in Support of Debtors' Motion to Dismiss Adversary Complaint (ECF) 3 4 5 Opposition of Brian Coke Ng to PDX, Inc.'s Motion (ECF 10) 6 7 Adversary Proceeding: 19-08269-rdd Ng v Sears Holding 8 Corporation et al Motion to Strike the Affidavit of Service 9 by Oleg Bitman (related document(s)9) 10 11 Adversary Proceeding: 19-08269-rdd Ng v Sears Holding 12 Corporation et al Motion to Strike the Declaration of Jessie B. Mishkin (related document(s)8) 13 14 15 Adversary Proceeding: 19-08269-rdd Ng v Sears Holding 16 Corporation et al Plaintiff's Affidavit in Support of 17 Application and Request for Certificate of Default (ECF 15) 18 19 Motion of Brian Coke Ng for Default Judgment (ECF 16) 20 21 Plaintiff's Affidavit in Support of Entry of Default 22 Judgment and Damages (ECF 24) 23 24 25 Sherri L. Breach Transcribed by:

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Page 9 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 THE COURT: Okay. Good morning. In re: Sears 3 Holdings Corp., et al. 4 MR. FAIL: Good morning, Your Honor. For the 5 record, Garrett Fail, Weil Gotshal and Manges for the 6 Thank you and your chambers for the time this 7 morning. And the agenda has been reduced from -- on the 8 calendar that was previously scheduled. 9 The first matter on the agenda is an uncontested 10 matter related to a notice of assumption and assignment of a 11 designatable lease. 12 For this matter I propose to turn over the podium 13 to Mr. Barefoot from Cleary to walk the Court through. 14 THE COURT: Okay. 15 MR. FAIL: Thank you, Your Honor. 16 MR. BAREFOOT: Good morning, Your Honor. 17 THE COURT: Good morning. MR. BAREFOOT: For the record, Luke Barefoot from 18 19 Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, LLP for Transform Holdco 20 and its affiliates. 21 Your Honor, Agenda Item Number 1 addresses the 22 assumption and assignment of a lease with Starboard Platform 23 Brighton Jv LLC that governs a distribution center located 24 in Brighton, Colorado. This has been on and off the agenda 25 for some time. The main issue that it's --

Page 10 1 THE COURT: This is the roof, right? 2 MR. BAREFOOT: Correct. Correct, Your Honor. THE COURT: The \$10 million roof? 3 MR. BAREFOOT: The main issue that has held us up 4 5 was the issue of non-monetary defaults related to some 6 structural repairs that the landlord alleged were required 7 to be completed to the roof as a condition to assumption and 8 assignment. 9 I am pleased to report that the parties have negotiated a comprehensive amendment to the lease that 10 11 addresses a time frame and a construction agreement to 12 complete an agreed upon scope of repairs and that removes 13 any roadblock to assumption and assignment. 14 THE COURT: Okay. 15 MR. BAREFOOT: We have an agreed upon form of 16 order that reflects minor modifications to the form of order 17 we have typically been using for lease assignments mainly to address the amendment to the lease and the obligations that 18 19 are related to that. 20 I'm happy to hand that up or simply submit it to 21 chambers --22 THE COURT: You can --23 MR. BAREFOOT: -- following the hearing. THE COURT: You can email it to chambers. As long 24 25 as the parties have agreed on the parameters of dealing with

the roof which is the issue that was before the Court, I am satisfied. So you can email that to chambers.

MR. BAREFOOT: Very good, Your Honor. And with that just as a -- in the nature of a status update, with this we are now literally down to two outstanding leases for assumption and assignment. There has been a stipulation submitted where those have been set down for a hearing, a non-omnibus hearing on November 21st.

THE COURT: Okay. Is that going to be an evidentiary hearing?

MR. BAREFOOT: Your Honor, the parties -- our colleagues at DLA Piper actually are handling those two and the parties are still in discussions I think with the hope of avoiding an evidentiary hearing. But if it goes forward it would be an evidentiary hearing.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, can you just convey to them and they should convey to the other side, too, that if the parties do intend to produce evidence, they should -- let me back up. If they agree on the documentary evidence, there's no problem. If they intend to have witnesses, they should follow my normal practice of having witness declarations provided to chambers a week in advance and an agreed exhibit book with the witnesses there for cross.

MR. BAREFOOT: Understood, Your Honor. We hear you loud and clear on that.

Page 12 1 THE COURT: Okay. And --2 MR. BAREFOOT: Thank you. THE COURT: -- I think they understand that 3 because that's how they've handled the relatively small 4 5 number of prior evidentiary hearings on these issues. But 6 if you would just communicate that to them I would 7 appreciate it. 8 MR. BAREFOOT: Very good, Your Honor. Thank you. 9 THE COURT: Okay. 10 MR. FAIL: Your Honor, the next item on the agenda 11 fall under the category of fee matters. There are 15 12 interim fee applications that are on for hearing today going forward on a uncontested basis. We have circulated a 13 14 proposed form of order which takes care of 14 of the 15 applications, and the application for the privacy ombudsman 16 was submitted with a separate order which will -- which 17 would approve the fees for that application. 18 If Your Honor would permit, I can hand up a copy 19 now and we would obviously provide an electronic copy to 20 chambers, if it would be helpful I can --21 THE COURT: Okay. 22 MR. FAIL: -- submit it. 23 THE COURT: Why don't you do that? 24 (Pause) 25 THE COURT: Thanks.

MR. FAIL: Your Honor, I'm happy to answer any questions. I don't want to prolong the hearing. There were -- there was one objection filed for the record by the mean company and others. That objection is not being pursued in light of, among other things, the Court's ruling at the confirmation hearing. There were several joinders that were filed that fall away when the objection falls away. In addition, several of the joinder parties themselves have communicated that they had no intention of pursuing them. THE COURT: Okay. All right. Are there any (indiscernible) objections to the fee applications? That was my understanding at this point. Okay. In looking at the order, I guess I have a couple of questions, or the proposed order. One is I gather that the Palsinelli (ph) application is not on? MR. FAIL: They withdrew without prejudice. I think we've rescheduled for the next hearing. I think there was a question as to whether or not it fell into the interim compensation order. We found out at Weil Gotshal after it was withdrawn. We are working with them to put it back on to the next hearing and get that resolved, Your Honor. THE COURT: Okay. All right. And then --

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Page 14 1 MR. FAIL: That was an ordinary course 2 professional that --3 THE COURT: Yes. You were concerned they were 4 over the cap and therefore they had filed an application. 5 MR. FAIL: There was no objection to that 6 application. 7 THE COURT: But it's not on for today? 8 MR. FAIL: It's not on for today. 9 THE COURT: Okay. The second question I have is does this order 10 11 reflect any reductions off of the applications that had been filed? 12 MR. FAIL: We verified these amounts with the 13 professionals. I believe, if you are asking with respect to 14 15 the fee examiner, Your Honor, or no? 16 THE COURT: No. Just whether -- it's often the 17 case that before I have a hearing on a fee application there 18 are discussions among the parties, sometimes with the U.S. 19 Trustee and the applicants announce certain changes to the 20 applications. I just want to --MR. FAIL: Each -- and so --21 22 THE COURT: -- confirm whether that --MR. FAIL: There is no reduction for Weil. I can 23 24 speak for myself, Your Honor. The numbers --25 THE COURT: Okay.

Page 15 1 MR. FAIL: -- have been vetted with each of the 2 professionals. So to the extent that there are reductions I 3 will let anyone speak for themselves. I would also add, though, that there's language in 4 5 here at the request of the fee examiner with consent of all 6 the parties that nothing precludes a further objection at 7 the final stage while we continue to work productively with 8 the fee examiner, you know, due to the volume. But --9 THE COURT: Okay. 10 MR. FAIL: -- I believe others might want to 11 speak. 12 MR. DUBLIN: Good morning, Your Honor. Phil 13 Dublin, Akin Gump on behalf of the committee. 14 Certain of the committee's professionals, 15 including Akin Gump, took voluntary reductions prior to 16 filing the applications. 17 THE COURT: That's fine. MR. DUBLIN: And --18 THE COURT: I don't -- clearly I have the 19 20 application. I just want to know if there's any development 21 since the applications. 22 MR. DUBLIN: I would say the only development is that all of the retained professionals have received initial 23 24 reports from the fee examiner and have begun discussions 25 with the fee examiner as we move forward in the fee process

1 generally.

THE COURT: Okay. All right.

All right. And then my last question is obviously this is embodying the confirmation order already. There are I think a total of 12 million of fees that are dealt with one way or another in the aggregate of professionals through the confirmation order that are not in the carve out account.

The 3 million that was agreed to with various administrative expense parties, and then the 9 million that I believed I needed to have pulled out so that I could be assured of sufficient record for confirming the plan on feasibility grounds.

This doesn't effect that at all, this proposed order, correct?

MR. FAIL: Your Honor, it's consistent with that. So this order grants the applications, permits the payment of the holdback with respect to these professionals. The resolution, Your Honor, referred to included the additional \$9 million that was released from the carve out to address, you know, and avoid the need for any holdback. And the confirmation order provided for, you know, in the contingency in the event that there's not enough later for an allocation, a pro rata allocation.

So this order, we believe, is consistent with your

Page 17 1 prior ruling. 2 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, it certainly doesn't alter it. 3 MR. FAIL: It certainly doesn't alter it. 4 5 THE COURT: All right. So I -- does anyone have 6 anything further to say on these applications? 7 I have the request by the U.S. Trustee to appear 8 by phone, which states that the U.S. Trustee does not object 9 to these interim applications. But does anyone else wish to say anything? 10 11 Okay. I am obviously mindful of the fact that 12 there is a fee examiner in this case as sought by the U.S. 13 Trustee, and that he has reserved his rights generally. And 14 based on my review of the applications, the lack of 15 objection and that reservation of rights, I am going to 16 grant the applications in the amounts sought obviously on an 17 interim basis. I do want to note, and this may be part of the 18 19 ongoing review, a couple of issues. 20 First, there is a fair amount charged by certain professionals for preparation of fee applications. And I'm 21 22 careful to say that I'm not concerned about review of others' fee applications, which is a perfectly appropriate 23 24 process and can be time consuming. 25 But there's a fair amount of case law in this

district about what should be put in to preparing the fee application and the numbers are pretty high for some professionals on that score.

Secondly, there are certain applications that were hard for me to determine what was really done because of vagueness in listing the work done. Largely that was by parties who may not normally do bankruptcy work, including the real estate consultants, Staut Risius, as well as some work done by Evercore.

And I'm assuming that if there are questions about those, the examiner will bring them up and hopefully the parties will be able to satisfy him that the work that was -- to describe the work that was done and that it was reasonable under the circumstances with more detail.

And then lastly the committee has a substantial expense item for a property appraiser. I don't really know much about that. I mean, that appraiser was not separately retained or was it separately retained?

MR. DUBLIN: For the record, Phil Dublin. It was not separately retained. We discussed the issue with the Office of the United States Trustee beforehand --

THE COURT: Right.

MR. DUBLIN: -- in order to avoid the costs associated with the application.

THE COURT: Okay. So I just wanted to highlight

Page 19 1 the issue. Again, it's -- again, we have a fee examiner 2 here. We have an active U.S. Trustee. It may not be an 3 issue. I just wanted to make sure someone had focused on it. 4 5 MR. DUBLIN: Understood. 6 THE COURT: Okay. Okay. Let me just make sure I don't have any other points to raise. 7 8 (Pause) 9 THE COURT: I want to be clear. I'm not reducing 10 the fees based on these points. I just think that I wanted 11 to -- I just wanted to highlight the issues so that in the 12 unlikely event that they're not being discussed they will 13 be. 14 So I'll grant the applications in the amounts 15 sought. 16 MR. FAIL: Thank you, Your Honor, appreciate that 17 and for the guidance going forward. 18 THE COURT: Okay. MR. FAIL: That takes us to the next items on the 19 20 agenda, which are listed as the contested matters by Brian 21 Coke Ng. There's a motion for relief from the automatic 22 stay of an adversary proceeding. The debtors have filed an 23 objection to the release from the stay and a motion to dismiss. My colleagues, Olga Peshko and Jennifer Crozier 24 25 are here today to answer any questions the Court may have.

Page 20 1 THE COURT: Okay. 2 MR. FAIL: I believe Mr. Ng requested to 3 participate by phone. And unless Your Honor has questions I 4 can turn it over to you or to --5 THE COURT: Okay. 6 MR. FAIL: -- Mr. Ng. 7 THE COURT: But before we move to those matters, 8 anyone who is on the phone or here in person just on the fee 9 applications should feel free to leave or to hang up if 10 you're on the call. 11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. 12 THE COURT: Okay. So as far as the matters 13 involving Mr. Ng, and that's spelled N-G for the court 14 reporter's purposes, Mr. Ng, you are on the phone? 15 MR. NG: Yes, Your Honor. Good morning. 16 THE COURT: Okay. Good --17 MR. NG: Good morning, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Good morning. So we have a number of 19 matters on the calendar related to Mr. Ng. There is a lift 20 stay motion to lift the stay to permit Mr. Ng to pursue 21 workers' compensation board litigation. There is a --22 actually two, there are two motions to dismiss the complaint 23 that Mr. Ng has brought against two of the debtors as well as PDX Inc. and National Health Information Network, which 24 25 I'll refer to as National Health.

And related to that adversary proceeding and the motions to dismiss, Mr. Ng has brought a motion for a default judgment, for entry of default and then for a default judgment against the debtors who are defendants in that adversary proceeding as well as motions to strike the affidavit of service and an affidavit attaching the transcript of a prior hearing. Why don't we deal with the lift stay motion first which is your motion, again, Mr. Ng, to lift the stay to proceed with workers' compensation board litigation. MR. NG: Yes, Your Honor. So you want me to begin first or --THE COURT: Yes. Well, I have reviewed the pleadings on this, including the filing that you filed on the 22nd in support of your motion to lift the stay and in response to the debtors' objection to it. So you can assume that I've read those pleadings. I did -- maybe I can start by asking you a couple of questions, Mr. Ng. MR. NG: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: First, this workers' compensation proceeding, workers' compensation board proceeding is -there's no pending proceeding, correct? You want to start one? MR. NG: There is no -- well, I have a case there

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which is currently closed, but I have attempted to reopen because of changes in my medical conditions. And I think I have a responsibility to do that.

But based upon the -- my reply papers that I have submitted -- filed with the Court, I respectfully request that the Court accept my argument as it is and make a decision based on it because currently I am on several medications and I don't know how well I could do today. But I respectfully ask the Court given the arguments, written argument that I have submitted to accept my argument as in my moving papers as they -- as well as in the reply papers.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, I will do that. But I do want to make sure I have a correct understanding of a couple of facts from you.

First --

MR. NG: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: -- there is a -- is there a pending matter before the workers' compensation board involving you?

MR. NG: Not yet because I am waiting for permission from the Court to give me the opportunity to file those papers.

THE COURT: So can -- I'm sorry. Can I interrupt you? So have you made a claim for reimbursement of your medication expenses from 2010 from the workers' compensation board or from a former employer?

Page 23 1 MR. NG: Well, with respect to the reimbursement 2 claims that I'm seeking, and that is one of the reasons why I am -- I had wished to file a subpoena to get the records 3 so that I can have the information because the records that 4 5 I was receiving before prior to the subpoena was 6 insufficient. It didn't provide the details --7 THE COURT: No. I understand. I understand that. 8 I'm asking a more limited question which is --9 MR. NG: Okay. 10 THE COURT: -- you are -- ultimately you want to 11 recover money that you believe you should be reimbursed or 12 paid from your employer or from the workers' compensation 13 board for certain medicine, right, from 2010? 14 MR. NG: Yes. And that's what -- yes. And those 15 -- there is no time limit as to when I should submit a claim 16 17 THE COURT: Okay. And so that amount --MR. NG: -- (indiscernible). 18 THE COURT: -- so that hasn't been turned -- that 19 20 claim has not been turned down yet, but you believe you have 21 that claim and you want to be able to submit it correctly, 22 right? MR. NG: No. I did submit -- I've been receiving 23 some documents in November 6th. I did submit a claim to the 24 25 workers' compensation. I didn't hear from them again. But

Page 24 1 that is -- they have, I believe, 45 days from the date they 2 receive the claim to pay it. And they did not pay it. 3 THE COURT: And what was the amount of that claim? 4 5 MR. NG: For medical expense that -- prescriptions 6 that I had filled at the pharmacy back in 2010. 7 THE COURT: Right. But --8 MR. NG: And so they -- I'm not seeking from the 9 debtors any money to pay for that. What I'm seeking is my 10 records, treatment records that will address according to 11 the workers' compensation law --12 THE COURT: Okay. 13 MR. NG: -- (indiscernible) --14 THE COURT: Can --15 MR. NG: -- schedule. 16 THE COURT: Right. But what was the amount of the 17 claim that you have asserted you should be paid? Was it --18 it's \$93, right, and 73 cents? 19 MR. NG: Yes. Yes. I (indiscernible) those money 20 (indiscernible) based on the fact I have not worked for so 21 long and I am -- I'm having a hardship. And so I need those 22 reimbursement money. Those are something that I make so 23 much effort to get the medical records and to submit the information. 24 25 THE COURT: All right. Okay. So, Mr. Ng, the

Page 25 1 board and your former employer have not rejected that claim; 2 is that right? That claim is still pending? 3 MR. NG: Well, it's -- I don't know that. I 4 haven't heard from anybody. 5 THE COURT: You haven't heard from them? 6 MR. NG: No. 7 THE COURT: Okay. MR. NG: I haven't heard from them, but those 8 9 expenses -- what is in conflict is that -- and this conflict 10 only came back in November 6th when I received those 11 documents that it's not consistent with the purchase that I 12 had made for the prescription back in 2010. 13 THE COURT: Okay. 14 MR. NG: There is a conflict surrounding those 15 records. And so not only that, they (indiscernible) I had 16 not complied with my subpoena. That's the essence of my 17 actual complaint, why I brought them to court. THE COURT: All right. But the amount at issue is 18 19 not \$93.63? 20 MR. NG: Somewhere about that, something like that 21 for reimbursement. 22 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Okay. So I have 23 read the pleadings and I'm happy to -- I think I've had clarification on the factual issues that I wanted to have 24 25 clarification on.

I'm happy to hear from the debtors, too, although the pleadings laid out their issues quite clearly.

MS. PESHKO: Your Honor, we're happy to rest on our pleadings.

THE COURT: All right. So I have a ruling on this issue, but I also have a suggestion. And it would relate also to the complaint that was filed that is taking up a great deal of the parties' time and energy on both sides.

First, as to the ruling, a workers' compensation board action by its terms is a matter dealing with workers' compensation claims; that is, claims by an employee originally against his employer or her employer, but ultimately through the workers' compensation front and the workers' compensation board mechanism for dealing with those claims, to the extent that they're not properly paid by the employer.

As I understand it, Mr. Ng was never an employee of these debtors. Rather, his relationship with the debtors is through one of the debtors' K-Mart Corp.'s filling a prescription or more than one prescription for him. And it is the reimbursement in connection with that prescription that is the subject of the workers' compensation claim. But that claim itself would not be against the debtors. It would be against his former employer and/or the workers' compensation fund.

So joining the debtors in that workers' compensation matter would not lead to any result against the debtors. It wouldn't resolve any claims that Mr. Ng might have against the debtors, and it would, therefore, not be a efficient way to resolve the claims to the extent that they relate to this bankruptcy case. The debtor is at most a third party to that action if, in fact, there ever is an issue as to whether the information that Mr. Ng has provided to the workers' compensation board is somehow deficient in providing for a basis for the board to award his claim which is for \$93.63.

So, therefore, under the case law in the Second Circuit that governs requests like this for relief from the automatic stay to pursue non-bankruptcy litigation, namely In re: Sonnax, 907 F.2d. 1280 (2nd Circuit 1990), I don't believe that Mr. Ng has carried his burden to show cause under Section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code to lift the stay to join the debtors in that pending or to be pending or to be revised proceeding. The burden is on Mr. Ng as laid out in In re: Boudreaux, 126 F.3d. 43, 48 (2nd Circuit 1997) to lay out the initial showing of cause.

As far as the Sonnax factors are concerned, the debtors' representations that they don't have any insurance that would cover this particular claim, I accept, not only based on their representation that the policy limits have

Page 28 been exceeded for the relevant policy years, but also that 1 2 this type of policy wouldn't cover a workers' compensation 3 claim. 4 Moreover, I don't -- as I said before, the 5 workers' compensation board wouldn't be able to adjudicate any claims against the debtors. And, ultimately, the issue 6 7 is the \$93.63 which have not -- has not been rejected yet 8 and may never be rejected by the board and/or the employer. 9 So I will deny the motion to lift the stay. 10 My suggestion is that as a resolution of all of 11 these matters Mr. Ng assign his claim to the debtors and 12 they can pursue it on his behalf, or not, in return for the 13 debtors' paying him \$96.63 (sic). And then you don't have 14 to worry about this anymore, Mr. Ng. 15 Is that --16 MR. NG: Okay. 17 THE COURT: -- is that an acceptable resolution? 18 MR. NG: That (indiscernible). For (indiscernible) to the reimbursement? 19 20 THE COURT: To everything. MR. NG: Okay. Well, that may have helped in 21 22 resolving, but with the other part of the issue related to my medical records which I need to have (indiscernible) did 23 not comply with, I would like the Court to make a decision. 24 25 THE COURT: All right.

MR. NG: -- as to non-compliance.

THE COURT: We could turn to that. We can turn to that. I'm just trying to be practical here, sir. I think, and based on my reading of your complaint, you want those medical records, they are, you know, prescription records, so that you could pursue the reimbursement claim. If --

MR. NG: Well --

THE COURT: -- the reimbursement claim is paid,
then I don't see why you need them at that point because
that's the only purpose for them. They relate to the
prescriptions from 2010 and the asserted need for them is to
get reimbursed for it.

MR. NG: Right. And with respect to the reasons of that wasn't the only reason why I need my records. I need them (indiscernible), Your Honor. And those are -- those -- the issues that came up because of the non-compliance and because of the (indiscernible) misleading information that was provided to the Supreme Court, that in itself has caused me damages. The subpoena was very clear in terms of providing the documents.

In fact, those documents would be -- is needed and I don't believe I should (indiscernible) I have a right and am entitled to those records, not only for the purpose of the records compensation, but for other personal matters.

THE COURT: Well, what other purpose did you need

them for?

MR. NG: Well, there is a matter that is very personal in terms of submitting a review of the medical information that was provided to the debtors during the relationship with them. And they are not able to provide me with those information that was provided to them. Those were confidential records that I provided to them and it's not -- they're missing. They are not part of the ones that I had received.

In fact, the documents that I had received on November 6th, 2018 never -- in fact, I wasn't expecting them because they went to the court in the Supreme Court and they advised the Court that all records was submit -- was provided to me. So upon hearing that and giving -- misleading the Court that they had provided the records and then later turn around and fax me those documents that you see I have attached to my complaint, was disturbing.

THE COURT: Okay. No. I understand --

MR. NG: The fact that --

THE COURT: -- I understand that allegation. What I don't understand is what purpose do you believe you need those billing and prescription records for other than the reimbursement request? Why else do you need them?

MR. NG: I need those records, Your Honor, because

I'm -- it's my right to have those records. And not only

Page 31 1 that, to prove that in another matter which it was against 2 me that I did not provide those -- I did not submit a claim back in 2010. It has turned against me in the fact that 3 it's showing that I was never submitting a claim in 2010. 4 And the records -- in fact, some of the records that I 5 6 received shows that the actual person who I gave the --7 THE COURT: No. I don't want to -- I'm just -- I 8 don't -- so what other claim is it that you need the records 9 for? What is the nature of that claim? 10 MR. NG: Well, if you look on the subpoena, Your 11 Honor, if you look on the subpoena, the subpoena is very 12 specific in detail --13 THE COURT: No. I understand. I have the subpoena. I just don't understand what you need them for. 14 15 What would be the use that you would put the records to? 16 MR. NG: Well, Your Honor, those records is to 17 prove my case. It's to prove another case. 18 THE COURT: Okay. I guess I'm not going to get an 19 answer on this one. 20 So why don't we move to the motion to dismiss 21 then? But you can submit -- the debtors should submit an 22 order denying the lift stay motion. 23 MS. PESHKO: Thank you, Your Honor. We will. 24 THE COURT: Okay. All right. 25 As far as the motion to dismiss is concerned, I

Page 32 1 think I should deal first with the Rule 55 motion for 2 default judgment since obviously if there's a default 3 judgment we wouldn't move any further here. So what is the debtors' response to that motion? 4 5 MS. CROZIER: Thank you, Your Honor, and good 6 morning. Jennifer Crozier, Weil Gotshal & Manges for the 7 debtors. 8 Your Honor, the debtors specifically requested 9 from this Court permission to file a response to Mr. Ng's 10 adversary complaint or rather an extended deadline for a 11 response to Mr. Ng's adversary complaint. And this Court 12 granted the debtors permission to do so, and the debtors did 13 indeed file their motion to dismiss the adversary complaint 14 in a timely manner. 15 And I do have an email confirming that extended 16 deadline here. I can hand it up to the Court if necessary. 17 THE COURT: Okay. If you could show it to me. 18 (Pause) THE COURT: Okay. So Mr. Ng --19 20 MR. NG: Yes, Your Honor. 21 THE COURT: -- the debtors' counsel has handed me 22 an email chain which isn't referenced in your motion for a default judgment. The first item in the chain is an email 23 24 from one of the debtors' lawyers, Ms. Peshko, to me. It's

copied only -- it's sent only to me.

1 MR. NG: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You're not copied on it. It says:

"The debtors would like to respectfully request an extension of the debtors' deadline to respond to the summons and notice of pretrial conference in an adversary proceeding filed by Brian Coke Ng to this coming Monday, July 22, 2019. We have reached out to Mr. Ng to request an extension over email and left a voice mail on the number he lists in his filings on the record, although I want to note based on the recording on the answering machine we are not sure that is still his number.

"In our past communications with Mr. Ng we sometimes receive no responses or Mr. Ng responded in the form of an objection filed on the bankruptcy docket. So we are concerned we might not hear from him today.

"Given that the pretrial conference is being adjourned to August 22, we believe Mr. Ng will not be prejudiced by a short extension of the response deadline and we respectfully request your permission to file the response by Monday, July 22. Respectfully submitted."

I respond back that day with an email to Ms.

Peshko that says, "Permission granted." And then there's a response saying, "Thank you."

So it appears to me that I did grant the debtors' request for an extension of the time to answer or otherwise

move to the 22nd which is when the motion to dismiss was filed. I appreciate that you later responded to the debtors' request and gave them a shorter extension, and you've attached that email to your motion. It's actually just a few minutes after Ms. Peshko's email to me, but it is after that email to me. And you extended voluntarily the deadline to 5:00 on July 18th.

But it appears to me given my extension of the time to respond that the answer was filed timely -- not the answer, the motion to dismiss was filed timely.

I will also note that even if I had not granted that extension and the debtors had to live with your July 18th 5 p.m. date, that in the exercise of my discretion I was prepared to deny the motion given the factors that courts consider when confronted with a motion for a default judgment in the exercise of their discretion, that discretion being considerable given the general desire of the courts to deal with litigation on the merits as opposed to on a default basis.

The factors that courts are to consider when there's a motion for a default judgment and there has been a default is the possibility of prejudice to the movant, the merits of the movant's substantive claim. Related to that is the sufficiency of the complaint, the sum of money at stake, the possibility of a dispute concerning material

Page 35 1 facts, when the default was due to excusable neglect, and 2 the strong policy favoring decisions on the merits. 3 See generally Moore's Federal Practice, 3rd 4 Edition, Volume 10, paragraph or Section 53.31[2], and the 5 cases cited therein. 6 See also Pinaud, P-I-N-A-U-D v County of Suffolk, 7 52 F.3d. 1139, 1152 (2nd Circuit 1995). 8 Here I don't believe there is prejudice. As noted 9 in the email, the matter had already been adjourned, the pretrial conference, to August 22nd. We're now addressing 10 11 the matter on a motion to dismiss on October 23rd. There's 12 been ample time for the parties to address the motion to 13 dismiss, including in the reply that was submitted by Mr. 14 Ng. 15 And in addition to that based on my grant of an 16 extension --17 MR. NG: Well --18 THE COURT: -- there's clearly no excusable neglect. I mean, excuse me, there is -- there's no neglect. 19 20 And even if there had been neglect, it would have been 21 excusable. 22 MR. NG: May I add something, Your Honor? 23 THE COURT: Okay. 24 MR. NG: All right. Your Honor, they did not --25 even if you had granted that July 22nd, they did not comply.

Page 36 1 They -- the evidence that I had provided shows that the 2 acknowledgement of service is defective based on the fact that they -- their response was mailed on the 23rd at 4 3 4 p.m., after 4 p.m. in (indiscernible). THE COURT: Well, it was --5 6 MR. NG: And the affidavits of service --7 THE COURT: Can I interrupt you? MR. NG: The affidavits of service --8 9 THE COURT: It was filed on the 22nd, which was 10 the date that I extended the date to answer or otherwise 11 move. So the filing date was the 22nd. And it -- you 12 haven't really addressed whether it was sent to your email. 13 You say that ECF service you've rejected and that's correct. 14 But the case management order in this case permits separate 15 email service. I don't think you've opted out of separate 16 email service generally for this case. 17 In any event, the motion to strike the affidavit or certificate of service doesn't refer to your separate 18 19 email address and, of course, you have email address receipt 20 as evidence generally, not with regard to the motion to 21 dismiss, but in other matters including the email that's 22 attached to the motion for a default judgment. 23 MR. NG: Yes, but --24 THE COURT: But in any event, it's not -- this is 25 The complaint, as we'll get to -not prejudicial.

Page 37 1 MR. NG: Okay. 2 THE COURT: -- has serious problems with it, and I still don't understand the amount at issue in terms of 3 actual damages and whether they exceed \$93. 4 5 So, again, if everyone would agree that the 6 damages on default were \$93.63, I might actually award that 7 so we could get over with this and you can get on with your 8 life, sir. But if you want to keep litigating this, that's 9 my ruling. You should keep litigating it. And I won't 10 grant the motion of a default. 11 MR. NG: Okay. Okay, Your Honor. With respect to the default, then if the Court has decided that the 12 13 affidavit of service was not -- was in favor of the 14 defendants (indiscernible), I will accept, Your Honor, if 15 you -- if the Court finds that the affidavits of service 16 (indiscernible). 17 THE COURT: Well, I -- on that point, in your motion to strike the certificate of service you have not 18 19 stated that you didn't get the email, not the ECF email, but 20 the email to your personal email address which is the 21 correct email address. It's the same address listed in the 22 email --23 MR. NG: (Indiscernible). 24 THE COURT: -- to the debtors' counsel granting --25 (Indiscernible). MR. NG:

Page 38 1 THE COURT: Let me finish, sir. Granting the 2 extension to the 18th. You haven't stated that you didn't receive that. And, secondly, I'm prepared to accept that 3 4 the motion to dismiss was actually sent out initially by the 5 overnight carrier a day after it was stated in the 6 certificate that it was provided to the overnight carrier. 7 So I'm happy to correct it in that way. I don't 8 believe that that extra time was at all prejudicial. 9 MR. NG: (Indiscernible) I did not have the 10 documents in time to actually respond --11 THE COURT: Right. 12 MR. NG: -- and given that -- yeah. 13 THE COURT: That's the ultimate point is that you 14 have had the documents for a substantial amount of time. 15 And I don't think there's been prejudice from -- if there 16 was a delay, a delay of about 12 hours. 17 MR. NG: Okay. 18 THE COURT: So I'll deny that motion. And then we -- just to deal with the other 19 20 remaining motion before the motions to dismiss, there's a 21 motion to strike the declaration that attaches the 22 transcript of an earlier hearing before the Court, Jessie Mishkin's certificate or declaration that attaches the 23 24 transcript.

I don't understand why the transcript lines are

Pq 39 of 78 Page 39 1 different, but it's just attaching a matter that's of record 2 and filed on the docket of the court. 3 So I'll just use the transcript that's filed on the docket of the court. 4 5 MR. NG: Yeah. Okay. 6 THE COURT: Okay. 7 Okay. So why don't we turn, then, to the two 8 motions to dismiss and I'll take the debtors' motion first. 9 MS. CROZIER: Thank you, Your Honor. 10 First, Your Honor, the debtors would like to 11 convey that we are sympathetic to Mr. Ng's situation and his 12 distress, but nevertheless move to dismiss Mr. Ng's 13 adversary complaint for the two reasons set forth in our 14 papers. 15 First, it's procedurally improper. The law is 16 clear that the proper procedural mechanism for bringing a 17 claim for money damages based on prepetition conduct is a timely filed proof of claim. And indeed on March 1st, 2019 18 19 Mr. Ng filed a proof of claim based upon the same facts and 20 legal theories asserted in his adversary complaint. 21 Second, even if the adversary complaint were not 22

procedurally improper, the complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. And beyond that, Your Honor, I'm ready to address any questions you may have. Otherwise the debtors can be heard on their papers alone

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Page 40 1 today. 2 THE COURT: Okay. All right. So, Mr. Ng, on the debtors' motion to dismiss --3 MR. NG: Yes. 4 5 THE COURT: -- the complaint, I have your response 6 and I've carefully reviewed the complaint. 7 I guess I want to -- I know you're representing 8 yourself pro se, so I want to explain the standard for my 9 review of the complaint in light of the motion to dismiss so 10 that you will understand where my questions for you are 11 coming from. 12 MR. NG: Yes, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: There are two different bankruptcy 14 rules, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, that govern the debtors' motion to dismiss this complaint. 15 The first is 16 Bankruptcy Rule 7012 which incorporates a Federal Rule of 17 Civil Procedure, Rule 12(b)(6). And Rule 12(b)(6) provides for the dismissal of a complaint for failure on the 18 19 complaint -- in the complaint itself to state a claim. 20 And in reviewing a claim to see whether the 21 complaint does fail to state a claim against the party who 22 made the motion, the Court assesses just the legal 23 feasibility of the complaint. I don't weigh the evidence that might be offered in support of the complaint, i.e. 24 25 whether it's good evidence or bad evidence. I just weigh

whether the complaint has alleged sufficient facts which I need to accept as true, and draw all reasonable inferences in favor of you in accepting the facts, and determine whether, if based on the facts alleged in the complaint, the elements of the cause of action have been pled, have been set forth in the complaint.

There are a couple of nuances to that. If a complaint's allegations of fact are clearly contradicted by documents incorporated into the complaint by reference, then I don't need to accept those facts because the documents speak for themselves.

And, secondly, I am not supposed to accept as a true fact a -- what is called a legal conclusion that is branded a factual allegation.

So simply stating the elements of a cause of action without laying out the facts that support that cause of action, the basic facts, isn't enough to let the complaint survive. You need to lay out enough facts which, if accepted as true, state a plausible claim on its face.

That's Rule 12(b)(6).

Secondly, there's another rule, Rule 70 -- I'm sorry -- 7009 which incorporates Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 9(b), and Rule 9(b) creates a heightened pleading standard whenever fraud or misrepresentation are pled.

So if a claim has an element in it of fraud or

misrepresentation, the complaint must satisfy in addition to Rule 12(b0(6), it must satisfy Rule 9(b). And Rule 9(b) says that in alleging fraud a party must state with particularity the circumstances constituting fraud or mistake.

Malice, intent, knowledge and other conditions of a person's mind may be alleged generally. However, intent or knowledge must still be pled through the events giving rise to an inference of intent with reasonable specificity. So there are certain claims in your complaint that allege fraud or misrepresentation. And as to those claims, Rule 9 applies in addition to Rule 12(b)(6).

So with that background, when I review the complaint, it seems to me, again, that you're alleging a couple of different things.

First, you're alleging that when you originally got information with regard to certain prescriptions, that information as laid out in paragraph 31 of your complaint and in the attachments of the complaint said certain things.

And, however, later when you asked for your records from the debtors, you got somewhat different record information which you describe also in the complaint in paragraph 42 and 43, and also in the attachments. Now those requests were made several years later after the prescription was filled and you got the initial information.

I think the harm that you contend that that information or that the subsequently provided information showed or caused was that you believed you were not going to be able to make reimbursement claims or a claim for the prescription from 2010.

I'm not sure I see any other use for which that information was to be put or as alleged in the complaint, that is, or any other aspect of the information that you relied upon. So I'm reviewing this as a legal matter based on that conclusion I derive from looking at the complaint itself.

In addition, you allege, although only very briefly, that -- and this is alleged at paragraphs 121 and 122:

"Defendants K-Mart Pharmacy have many and several data breaches in the past. The Defendants K-Mart Pharmacy data breaches were the results of lax antivirus standards.

Defendants K-Mart Pharmacy negligent here in this case in that they failed to adequately protect and safeguard the plaintiff's electronic medical records."

And then paragraph 122 says that NHIN/PDX equally and evenly negligent in connection therewith.

So there is that data breach allegation, although there are no facts to support what is stated in that paragraph. It's what I would refer to going back to my

Page 44 1 discussion to you of Rule 12(b)(6) as a conclusory 2 allegation, basically just laying out the legal assertion of 3 a claim without the facts to support it. So my focus really has been on the first set of 4 facts, which are alleged at length, namely that -- and you 5 6 say this in a couple of places, paragraph 96 and the 7 paragraph 99. In 96 it says: 8 "The plaintiff is in need of genuine, reliable and 9 accurate medical records from the Defendant pharmacy for 10 verification in support of all out of pocket medical 11 expenses and to receive his reimbursements from workers' 12 compensation insurance carrier." 13 And then paragraph 99 says: 14 "The plaintiff cannot in good faith submit a claim 15 to the workers' compensation insurance carrier and knows an 16 inconsistency, discrepancy and contradiction of the medical 17 records is located at the Defendant's pharmacy. Indeed, 18 that would be aiding and abetting the fraud." So are there any paragraphs of the complaint that 19 20 allege facts beyond what I've just referred to that would 21 show a claim for anything else? 22 (Pause) 23 THE COURT: That's a question for you, Mr. Ng. 24 MR. NG: That is? 25 That's a question for you, Mr. Ng. THE COURT:

Page 45 1 MR. NG: Oh, you were asking me -- can you repeat, 2 Your Honor? I didn't hear that one. 3 THE COURT: My question is are there any other facts in the complaint alleging a claim besides the ones 4 5 that I've just gone through? 6 MR. NG: Not doing well, Your Honor. Not doing 7 well. I'm not doing well. 8 THE COURT: I'm sorry. I couldn't really hear 9 that. You have to speak maybe a little closer to the phone 10 receiver. 11 MR. NG: I'm not doing well currently, Your Honor. 12 I completely lost you. 13 THE COURT: Okay. 14 MR. NG: Yeah. Medically I'm not doing well. 15 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, do you have 16 anything further to say in opposition to the defendant -- to 17 the debtors' motion? MR. NG: Well, Your Honor, you recalled with me 18 19 that I had subpoenaed and came in the form that I had 20 described in my reply papers as well as in my adversary 21 complaint. And I set the facts out as you had, if you can 22 recall on February 4th when you had advised that I should 23 put everything in writing because it would be perhaps better 24 understood. And so I did just that. 25 THE COURT: Okay.

MR. NG: And I put it in writing.

THE COURT: All right. So I -- but as I understand, the New York State judge denied your motion to hold the debtors in contempt for their response to the subpoena. So it appears to me that that issue, i.e. whether the subpoena response created a claim on your behalf has already been decided.

MR. NG: Well, because the Court was mislead, Your Honor, that all records was provided to me when it was not. That was in September 20th of 2018. The debtors and the attorneys advised the Court that all records was provided to me, and the Court make a decision that you have seen that I had provided to your Court what the decision had said about the alteration and the (indiscernible) because that's what I was making contention about.

And then on November 6th additional records shown up in the manner that I had provided to your court. And so there is a stream of deception behavior by the declarants leaving me to have the consequence of the (indiscernible) over, just simply over the question of my medical records.

In fact, originally, I was advised to provide the doctors' third party administrators with additional information. That was an additional reason why I want the records because I was -- I got that written letter advising me to provide more information that could change the

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1	decision of the claim that I had made
2	THE COURT: But
3	MR. NG: for an injury.
4	THE COURT: But I'm sorry, Mr. Ng. A letter from
5	who?
6	MR. NG: A letter from the debtors
7	THE COURT: All right.
8	MR. NG: third party administrators.
9	THE COURT: But this is I want to go back to
10	two points. First
11	MR. NG: Yes, Your Honor.
12	THE COURT: if you're alleging harm because of
13	the failure to comply with a subpoena, that really shouldn't
14	be alleged here. It should be alleged in the litigation
15	where the subpoena was issued. That judge can decide
16	because he is the one that's managing the discovery in that
17	litigation. He should decide whether the subpoena has been
18	complied with or not.
19	But, again, I go back to my original question.
20	What
21	MR. NG: Yes, Your Honor.
22	THE COURT: What did you need that information
23	for? What was the purpose of getting the documents?
24	MR. NG: There's more than one reason for the
25	records. The additional one additional reason is the

Page 48 1 third party administrators for the debtors wrote me a letter 2 3 THE COURT: No. No. I -- we don't -- I'm cutting through that. All right. You have asserted the claim 4 5 against the debtors. The debtors tried to resolve it by 6 providing you the information that you wanted. But I'm 7 going backwards. Why do you need the information? You want 8 to use it for what purpose? 9 MR. NG: To submit to the third party 10 administrators --11 THE COURT: No. No. Not from the debtor. From 12 someone else, not as a claim against the debtor. Your 13 ultimate claim --14 MR. NG: But --15 THE COURT: -- is that the debtor is not providing 16 you information that you -- and therefore you can't use it 17 for some other purpose. I think the only other purpose is 18 to submit your reimbursement claim for \$93.63. Is there any 19 other purpose that you would use the information for? I 20 don't see it in the complaint, but you should tell me. 21 there some purpose that you would use this information for 22 other than in this bankruptcy case? 23 MR. NG: For medical review, Your Honor. 24 THE COURT: But for what purpose? 25 MR. NG: The purpose is to -- for medical review

Page 49 1 because the information that was submitted to the debtors' 2 pharmacy, they are not producing it. THE COURT: Who --3 4 MR. NG: They are --5 THE COURT: So you would say some doctor would 6 need to review it? Have you alleged in the complaint that a 7 doctor needs to see that information? 8 MR. NG: Well, I did supply those information in 9 my papers, Your Honor, before the Bankruptcy Court. 10 MR. FAIL: Your Honor, Garrett Fail, Weil Gotshal 11 for the record. Can I request that we go off the record for 12 a moment? 13 THE COURT: Okay. \*(OFF THE RECORD DISCUSSION) 14 15 MR. FAIL: Okay. 16 We appreciate Your Honor's suggestions --17 THE CLERK: Wait. Should I --18 THE COURT: No. No. Mr. Ng should be on. MR. FAIL: It's for Mr. Ng. 19 20 THE COURT: Yeah. 21 MR. FAIL: We -- the debtors appreciate the 22 Court's recommended approach to try to resolve this efficiently. We are mindful that there is another 23 outstanding motion to lift stay that was originally on file 24 25 that there's a proof of claim.

And so after consultation with counsel for the creditors' committee, Mr. Ng, in an effort to resolve all outstanding issues with the debtors, if the debtors were to make a payment and offer a payment of \$93.63, would that resolve all issues with -- between us and -- between the debtors and you, and that the Court could so order a settlement to that regard to end all involvement with these cases? MR. NG: Well, Mr. Fail, with all respect, I appreciate your offer. And so I would respectfully ask also to -- for the debtors or the Court to consider the stress that all of this have lead me up to, and the damages. THE COURT: Well, this is your way to get over the stress, sir. MR. NG: Yes, Your Honor. But with all the medical issues that I have right now, that would not -- that would not help. THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, let's go back on the record, then. \*(ON THE RECORD) THE COURT: I still -- it really does -- what was the purpose of the New York litigation? Let me ask you that. What were you seeking in the New York litigation? MR. NG: The purpose of the New York litigation was to obtain the documents, and I have two because the OGI

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Page 51 1 (sic) that I had submitted to the Supreme Court --2 THE COURT: Right. 3 MR. NG: -- literally stated what my concerns 4 were, the medical records for the purpose of submitting 5 information to resolve the pending matter with the third 6 party administrators. And the attorneys who was handling 7 the case, they immediately made suggestions to try to 8 resolve it by --9 THE COURT: And --10 MR. NG: -- from --11 THE COURT: And I'm sorry. What were the pending 12 matters with the third party administrators? 13 MR. NG: I'm completely off right now. I don't 14 remember the exact details right now. But --15 THE COURT: Okay. All right. 16 MR. NG: -- it was --17 THE COURT: So, Mr. Ng, do you have any more to 18 say on the -- in opposition to the motion to dismiss? 19 MR. NG: Well, they -- what I wanted to say, Your 20 Honor, is that they -- I'm concerned that there was not a 21 compliance with the medical records and that caused me to 22 undergo the medical conditions that I am in today. If it 23 wasn't for that non-compliance because a statement was made in front of the Supreme Court and it started thereafter this 24 25 petition for -- from the debtors was filed. So we never

able to go forward with anything because all -- everything had stayed.

And so I brought to your court for a resolution.

In fact, I believe given the -- where we were with that, we were about -- before -- prior to the petition filed, we were about to come to some reasonable resolution at the court because the attorney for the debtors at that time engaged me in a good faith, I believe, for resolving the matter. I made an offer and they were to get back to me. Instead, they later, just a few days later I'm getting words that there is this stay.

So I believe, you know, I believe given these circumstances that I had indicated before regarding the noncompliance of the documents that we -- I had seeked (sic) an order to provide to the third party administrators as well as for getting my reimbursement. All of those are factors, Your Honor. Those -- the (indiscernible) and the actions of the debtors constitute my grievances. There is no other grievance in my life other than this that lead me into this situation. And so, in fact, I had submitted my -- a certified copy of my medical records to your court to show you my circumstances. I had submitted sworn medical records to your court.

And I'm asking this court to consider the medical circumstances that came out of all of this over simple

Page 53 1 medical records and the misleading information that was --2 sorry, Your Honor. I just can't take this anymore. I feel 3 I give up. I feel I'm not living anymore because this is 4 not something I should end up living for. Your Honor, 5 pardon me, but I don't feel I can move on with this. 6 THE COURT: Okay. 7 MR. NG: This is something that I would never live for. I don't believe in this type of dishonesty and 8 9 deceptions. I really don't. 10 THE COURT: All right. So did the debtors have anything to say in response? 11 12 MS. CROZIER: No, Your Honor. Just --THE COURT: Just a minute. I think --13 14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's on the couch. 15 THE COURT: I don't -- you know what? I will give 16 the parties an oral ruling at a -- at the next omnibus 17 hearing. 18 So, Mr. Ng, I understand that you have health 19 issues currently and it would be --20 MR. NG: (Indiscernible). 21 THE COURT: -- inappropriate for me to consider 22 this hearing at this point. But I have the parties' papers 23 and I will give an oral ruling at the next omnibus hearing. 24 I would urge you to consider, though, sir, putting 25 this behind you. I think it would be best for you as well

Page 54 1 as everyone else. Of course, it's your decision ultimately. 2 But I believe that this all stemmed over your 3 concern about being able to assert a proper reimbursement 4 claim from your employer or the workers' compensation board. 5 If you assign that claim to the debtors, I believe the 6 debtors will pay you the amount of the claim, which I 7 believe is under a hundred dollars. And I believe 8 ultimately --9 MR. NG: Your Honor, but --10 THE COURT: -- that that is the best way to put 11 this behind you. But I will give the parties a ruling at my 12 -- at the next omnibus hearing. 13 MS. CROZIER: Thank you, Your Honor. 14 MR. NG: Thank you, Your Honor. But --15 THE COURT: Okay. 16 MR. FAIL: Thank you, Your Honor. That concludes 17 today's agenda. THE COURT: All right. And that goes also for the 18 other motion to dismiss which I'm prepared to decide on the 19 20 papers. 21 MS. CURLEY: Thank you, Judge. Just for the 22 record, Julie Curley of Kirby Aisner & Curley for Defendants PDX Inc. and National Health Information. Thank you. 23 24 THE COURT: Okay. 25 MR. FAIL: Your Honor, I think there were -- there

Page 55 1 was one other thing that I just -- I agreed to put on the 2 record. We filed a notice of adjournment listing all of 3 the administrative claim requests that we saw filed on the 4 5 docket at the time. There was one that had been adjourned 6 previously. It was Everlast World Boxing Headquarters Corp. 7 They requested that we state on the record that their motion 8 has also been adjourned pursuant to the confirmation order, 9 so. 10 THE COURT: Okay. Very well. 11 MR. FAIL: Thank you very much, Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: Thank you. 13 All right. So as far as my rulings today are concerned, I would like the debtors to submit an order 14 15 denying the motion to dismiss and --16 MS. CROZIER: Denying the motion --17 THE COURT: I'm sorry. 18 MS. CROZIER: -- to default --THE COURT: Denying the motion for default 19 20 judgment. 21 MS. CROZIER: Default judgment. 22 THE COURT: Excuse me. And granting the motion to strike the certificate of service insofar as the court will 23 24 treat the motion to dismiss served by regular email address 25 on the 22nd and by overnight courier on the 23rd of July.

Page 56 And as far as the motion to strike the declaration with respect to the transcript, the Court would determine that that motion is moot because the Court will rely on the transcript that's actually on file on the docket of this case. MR. FAIL: Thank you very much, Your Honor. We will do that. THE COURT: Okay. (Whereupon, these proceedings concluded at 11:40 a.m.) 

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